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MEMORANDUM OF THE CHAIRMAN

To Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

The enclosed report reviews the accomplishments of the Committee in the 111th Congress. It will be submitted to the Senate pursuant to section 8 of Senate Rule XXVI.

JEFF BINGAMAN, *Chairman*.

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Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

SPECIAL REPORT ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources conducted an extensive oversight and legislative program during the 111th Congress. A total of 433 bills and resolutions, 34 nominations, and 201 Executive Communications were referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee and its 4 subcommittees held a total of 98 public hearings, including 4 field hearings during the 111th Congress. These hearings included 34 oversight hearings, 50 legislative hearings, and 14 nomination hearings. The Committee also held 28 business meetings.

Action was completed on a broad range of oversight, legislative, and executive matters. A total of 97 bills and 3 resolutions were reported by the Committee, and the Committee was discharged of 4 other matters.

Ten of the 97 bills reported by the Committee and 2 of the bills discharged by unanimous consent passed both the House and the Senate and were signed into law. Two other measures within the Committee's jurisdiction were enacted without referral to the Committee. In addition, however, another 160 separate legislative measures reported by the Committee during the 110th Congress were consolidated into the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (H.R. 146), which was enacted as Public Law 111-11 at the beginning of the 111th Congress.

Thirty-four nominations submitted by President Obama were referred to the Committee during the 111th Congress. In addition, the Committee held hearings on the nominations of Steven Chu to be Secretary of Energy and Kenneth L. Salazar to be Secretary of the Interior before the nominations were received, and the Senate

confirmed those nominations without referral to the Committee. One nomination was withdrawn by the President, and two were returned to the President under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The remaining 31 nominations were reported by the Committee and confirmed by the Senate.

The Committee filed 96 reports on measures it ordered reported, and published 93 hearing records.

JURISDICTION

Rule XXV(1)(g)(1) of the Standing Rules of the Senate gives the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources jurisdiction over matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Coal production, distribution, and utilization.
2. Energy policy.
3. Energy regulation and conservation.
4. Energy related aspects of deepwater ports.
5. Energy research and development.
6. Extraction of minerals from oceans and Outer Continental Shelf lands.
7. Hydroelectric power, irrigation, and reclamation.
8. Mining education and research.
9. Mining, mineral lands, mining claims, and mineral conservation.
10. National parks, recreation areas, wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers, historical sites, military parks and battlefields, and on the public domain, preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest.
11. Naval petroleum reserves in Alaska.
12. Nonmilitary development of nuclear energy.
13. Oil and gas production and distribution.
14. Public lands and forests, including farming and grazing thereon, and mineral extraction therefrom.
15. Solar energy systems.
16. Territorial possessions of the United States, including trusteeships.

FULL COMMITTEE

JEFF BINGAMAN, *Chairman*

JURISDICTION

During the 111th Congress, the Full Committee retained jurisdiction, without reference to a subcommittee, over the following matters: National Energy Policy, including international energy affairs and emergency preparedness; nuclear waste policy; privatization of federal assets; territorial policy (including changes in status and issues affecting Antarctica); and Native Hawaiian matters. In addition, the Full Committee retained jurisdiction of issues that: (1) required extremely expeditious handling; (2) substantially overlapped two or more subcommittee jurisdictions; or (3) were of exceptional national significance in which all Members wished to participate fully.

NOMINATIONS

Thirty-four presidential nominations were referred to the Committee during the 111th Congress.

Nominations confirmed

The Committee held hearings on and favorably reported 31 nominations which were subsequently confirmed by the Senate. These nominations were for:

Department of the Interior

David J. Hayes, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. Received February 27, 2009. Hearing held March 12, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–9. Reported March 18, 2009. Confirmed May 20, 2009.

Thomas L. Strickland, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Received March 12, 2009. Hearing held March 24, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–16. Reported March 31, 2009. (Joint referral with Committee on Environment and Public Works.) Confirmed April 30, 2009.

Hilary Chandler Tompkins, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. Received March 31, 2009. Hearing held April 23, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–22. Reported April 30, 2009. Confirmed June 17, 2009.

Rhea S. Suh, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Policy, Management and Budget). Received April 20, 2009. Hearing held May 5, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–23. Reported May 13, 2009. Confirmed May 18, 2009.

Michael L. Connor, to be Commissioner of Reclamation. Received April 20, 2009. Hearing held May 5, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–23. Reported May 13, 2009. Confirmed May 21, 2009.

Anne Castle, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Water and Science). Received April 27, 2009. Hearing held June 2, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–55. Reported June 9, 2009. Confirmed June 19, 2009.

Wilma A. Lewis, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Land and Minerals Management). Received May 6, 2009. Hearing held July 9, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–79. Reported July 29, 2009. Confirmed August 7, 2009.

Robert V. Abbey, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Received June 10, 2009. Hearing held July 9, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–79. Reported July 29, 2009. Confirmed August 7, 2009.

Anthony Marion Babauta, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Insular Affairs). Received July 6, 2009. Hearing held July 28, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–98. Reported August 4, 2009. Confirmed September 10, 2009.

Jonathan B. Jarvis, to be Director of the National Park Service. Received July 13, 2009. Hearing held July 28, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–98. Reported August 4, 2009. Confirmed September 24, 2009.

Joseph G. Pizarchik, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Received July 16, 2009. Hearing held August 6, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–99. Reported October 8, 2009. Confirmed November 6, 2009.

Marcia K. McNutt, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey. Received August 4, 2009. Hearing held October 8, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–160. Reported October 14, 2009. Confirmed October 21, 2009.

Department of Energy

Kristina M. Johnson, to be Under Secretary of Energy. Received March 23, 2009. Hearing held April 23, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–22. Reported April 30, 2009. Confirmed May 19, 2009.

Steven Elliot Koonin, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy. Received March 26, 2009. Hearing held April 23, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–22. Reported April 30, 2009. Confirmed May 19, 2009.

Ines R. Triay, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management). Received March 31, 2009. Hearing held April 23, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–22. Reported April 30, 2009. (Joint referral with Committee on Armed Services.) Confirmed May 20, 2009.

Scott Blake Harris, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. Received April 2, 2009. Hearing held April 23, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–22. Reported April 30, 2009. Confirmed May 19, 2009.

David B. Sandalow, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy). Received April 20, 2009. Hearing held May 5, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–23. Reported May 13, 2009. Confirmed May 18, 2009.

Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. Received April 20, 2009. Hearing held May 5, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–23. Reported May 13, 2009. Confirmed May 18, 2009.

Catherine Radford Zoi, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy). Received April 27, 2009. Hearing held June 2, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–55. Reported June 9, 2009. Confirmed June 19, 2009.

William F. Brinkman, to be Director of the Office of Science. Received April 27, 2009. Hearing held June 2, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–55. Reported June 9, 2009. Confirmed June 19, 2009.

Richard G. Newell, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration. Received May 18, 2009. Hearing held July 9, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–79. Reported July 29, 2009. Confirmed July 31, 2009.

James J. Markowsky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Received June 18, 2009. Hearing held July 28, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–98. Reported August 4, 2009. Confirmed August 7, 2009.

Warren F. Miller, Jr., to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy). Received June 18, 2009. Hearing held July 28, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–98. Reported August 4, 2009. Confirmed August 7, 2009.

Jose Antonio Garcia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact. Received July 20, 2009. Hearing held August 6, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–99. Reported October 8, 2009. Confirmed October 21, 2009.

Arun Majumdar, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency. Received September 21, 2009. Hearing held October 8, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–160. Reported October 14, 2009. Confirmed October 21, 2009.

Patricia A. Hoffman, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability). Received December 9, 2009. Hearing held February 2, 2010. S. Hrg. 111–376. Reported March 3, 2010. Confirmed June 22, 2010.

Jeffrey A. Lane, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs). Received February 1, 2010. Hearing held March 17, 2010. S. Hrg. 111–432. Reported May 6, 2010. Confirmed June 22, 2010.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

John R. Norris, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2012. Received June 11, 2009. Hearing held August 6, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–99. Reported October 8, 2009. Confirmed December 24, 2009.

Cheryl A. LaFleur, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2014. Received March 9, 2010. Hearing held April 27, 2010. S. Hrg. 111–527. Reported May 6, 2010. Confirmed June 22, 2010.

Philip D. Moeller, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2015. Received March 9, 2010. Hearing held April 27, 2010. S. Hrg. 111–527. Reported May 6, 2010. Confirmed June 22, 2010.

Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects

Larry Persily, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects. Received December 9, 2009. Hearing held February 2, 2010. S. Hrg. 111–376. Reported March 3, 2010. Confirmed March 10, 2010.

Nominations withdrawn or returned

Three nominations were withdrawn by or returned to the President. They were for:

Warren F. Miller, Jr., to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. Received June 22, 2009. Hearing held July 28, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–98. Reported August 4, 2009. Returned to the President August 5, 2010 under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Suedeem G. Kelly, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the term ending June 30, 2014. Received July 28, 2009. Withdrawn by the President December 23, 2009.

Peter B. Lyons, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), vice Warren F. Miller, Jr., resigned. Received December 13, 2010. Returned to the President December 22, 2010 under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Nominations confirmed without referral

In addition to the 34 nominations referred to the Committee, the Committee held hearings on two nominations before the Senate received the nominations, and the Senate confirmed them without referring them to the Committee. They were for:

Steven Chu, to be Secretary of Energy. Hearing held January 13, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–3. Confirmed January 20, 2009.

Kenneth L. Salazar, to be Secretary of the Interior. Hearing held January 15, 2009. S. Hrg. 111–4. Confirmed January 20, 2009.

HEARINGS

The Full Committee held 26 legislative hearings, 24 oversight hearings, and 14 nomination hearings during the 111th Congress, as follows:

January 8, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–2.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on current energy security challenges.

January 13, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–3.

Hearing on the nomination of Steven Chu to be Secretary of Energy.

January 15, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–4.

Hearing on the nomination of Ken Salazar to be Secretary of the Interior.

February 10, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–6.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on a majority staff draft for a Renewable Portfolio Standard proposal.

February 12, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–11.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the current state of the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and how the deliv-

ery of services to support the deployment of clean energy technologies might be improved.

February 26, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–7.

Legislative hearing to provide recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementation of authorized DOE programs and through other innovative federal energy efficiency policies and programs.

March 3, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–13.

Oversight hearing to examine the progress on smart grid initiatives authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in the stimulus bill, and to learn of opportunities and impediments to timely installation of smart grid technologies.

March 5, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–14.

Legislative hearing to review future directions of energy research and development and to identify key scientific and technological hurdles that must be overcome in order to pursue these new directions.

March 10, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–19.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on issues related to S. 531, a bill to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes.

March 12, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–15.

Legislative hearing to examine draft legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased federal siting authority and regional transmission planning.

March 12, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–9.

Hearing on the nomination of David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

March 17, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–45.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on energy development on public lands and the outer Continental Shelf.

March 18, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–21.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on nuclear energy development.

March 19, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–24.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 598, the Appliance Standards Improvement Act of 2009.

March 24, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–16.

Hearing on the nomination of Thomas Strickland, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

March 26, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–35.

Legislative hearing to examine draft legislation regarding strengthening American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency.

April 22, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–28.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on energy efficiency resource standards, including S. 548, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, and for other purposes.

April 23, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–22.

Hearing on the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, to be the Under Secretary of Energy; of Steven Elliot Koonin, to be the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy; of Ines R. Triay, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management); of Hilary Chandler Tompkins, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior; and of Scott Blake Harris, to be the General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

April 28, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–51.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on legislation to improve the availability of financing for deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and to enhance United States' competitiveness in this market through the creation of a Clean Energy Deployment Administration within the Department of Energy. A joint discussion draft of the bill is posted on the Committee's Web site.

May 5, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–23.

Hearing on the nominations of Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy; of David B. Sandalow, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy); of Rhea S. Suh, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and of Michael L. Connor, to be Commission of Reclamation.

May 7, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–29.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on a joint staff draft related to cybersecurity and critical electricity infrastructure.

May 12, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–67.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 967, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Modernization Act of 2009, and S. 283, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the conditions for the release of products from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve Account.

May 14, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–50.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Sequestration Program Amendments Act of 2009.

June 2, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–55.

Hearing on the nominations of Catherine Radford Zoi, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy); of William F. Brinkman, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy; and of Anne Castle, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

July 9, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–79.

Hearing on the nominations of Wilma A. Lewis, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; of Richard G. Newell, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration; and of Robert V. Abbey, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

July 14, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–116.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 796, the Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009, and S. 140, the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Act of 2009.

July 21, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–128.

Legislative hearing to consider the preparedness of Federal land management agencies for the 2009 wildfire season and to receive testimony on S. 561 and H.R. 1404, the Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act.

July 28, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–98.

Hearing on the nominations of James J. Markowsky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy); of Warren F. Miller, Jr., to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy) and Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste; of Anthony M. Babauta, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Insular Areas); and of Jonathan B. Jarvis, to be the Director of the National Park Service

August 6, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–99.

Hearing on the nominations of John R. Norris, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; of Jose Antonio Garcia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy; and of Joseph G. Pizarchik, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior.

August 22, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–130.

Field hearing to consider renewable energy production, strategies, and technologies with regard to rural communities.

September 15, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–222.

Oversight hearing to explore potential costs and price volatility in the energy sector as a result of a greenhouse gas trading program and ways to reduce or contain those costs.

October 8, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–160.

Hearing on the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey; and of Arun Majumdar, to

be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

October 14, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–253.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation.

October 21, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–182.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the costs and benefits for energy consumers and energy prices associated with the allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances.

October 28, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–276.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the role of natural gas in mitigating climate change.

November 17, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–284.

Oversight hearing to explore the international aspects of global climate change.

November 19, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–303.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony environmental stewardship policies related to offshore energy production.

December 2, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–310.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on policy options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

December 3, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–314.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on H.R. 3276, the American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009.

December 10, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–335.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals.

December 15, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–375.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 2052, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes and S. 2812, The Nuclear Power 2021 Act.

January 21, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–385.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the research, development, priorities and imperatives needed to meet the medium and long term challenges associated with climate change.

February 2, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–376.

Hearing on the nominations of Larry Persily, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, and Patricia A. Hoffman, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

February 4, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–477.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the U.S. Department of Energy's budget for fiscal year 2011.

February 15, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–384.

Field hearing to receive testimony on S. 1689, the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act.

February 24, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–391.

Oversight hearing to consider the President's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2011 for the Forest Service.

March 3, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–398.

Oversight hearing to consider the President's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of the Interior.

March 4, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–478.

Oversight hearing to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of programs authorized and funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

March 9, 2010.—S. Hrg. 111–752.

Oversight hearing to examine financial transmission rights and other electricity market mechanisms.

March 10, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–402.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 1696, the Green Gaming Act of 2009, and S. 2908, the Water Heater Rating Improvement Act of 2009, S. 3059, the National Energy Efficiency Enhancement Act of 2010, and S. 3054, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish efficiency standards for bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, and portable electric gas.

March 11, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–422.

Legislative hearing to review legislative proposals designed to create jobs related to energy efficiency, including a Majority Staff Draft on energy efficient building retrofits.

March 17, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–432.

Hearing on the nomination of Jeffrey Lane, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

April 20, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–652.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on carbon capture and sequestration legislation, including S. 1856, S. 1134, and other draft legislative text.

April 27, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–527.

Hearing on the nominations of Philip D. Moeller and Cheryl A. LaFleur, to be Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

May 11, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-653, part 1.

Oversight hearing to review issues related to deepwater offshore exploration for petroleum and the accident in the Gulf of Mexico involving the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon.

May 18, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-653, part 2.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony from the Administration on issues related to offshore oil and gas exploration including the accident involving the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico.

May 19, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-666.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands; S. 2941, the Republic of the Marshall Islands Supplemental Nuclear Compensation Act of 2010; H.R. 3940, an act to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States; and H.R. 2499, the Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2010.

May 20, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-625.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 2921, to provide for the conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate certain offices to serve as Renewable Energy Coordination Offices for coordination of Federal permits for renewable energy projects and transmission lines to integrate renewable energy development, and for other purposes.

May 25, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-679, part 3.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the liability and financial responsibility issues related to offshore oil production, including the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico, including S. 3346, a bill to increase the limits on liability under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

June 9, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-653, part 4.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on issues related to the Department of the Interior's May 27th report: Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, including oversight of recent actions recommended by the Department to address the safety of offshore oil development

June 22, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-712.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on policies to reduce oil consumption through the promotion of accelerated development of electric-drive vehicles, as proposed in S. 3495, the Promoting Electric Vehicles Act of 2010.

June 24, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-653, part 5.

Legislative hearing to hear testimony on the following bills: S. 3497, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require leases entered into under that Act to include a plan that de-

scribes the means and timeline for containment and termination of an ongoing discharge of oil, and for other purposes; S. 3431, a bill to improve the administration of the Minerals Management Service, and for other purposes.

June 30, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–753.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 3452, a bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

September 23, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–751.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program and its effectiveness in spurring the near-term deployment of clean energy technology.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Committee held 28 business meetings, at which it ordered reported 31 nominations and 97 bills, and 3 resolutions, as follows:

February 11, 2009.

The Committee approved subcommittee assignments and ordered reported S. Res. 31, the Committee funding resolution.

March 18, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported the nomination of David J. Hayes, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

March 31, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland to be Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and began consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

April 30, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Kristina M. Johnson to be Under Secretary of Energy;

The nomination of Steven Elliot Koonin to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy;

The nomination of Ines R. Triay to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management);

The nomination of Scott Blake Harris to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy; and

The nomination of Hilary Chandler Tompkins to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

May 6, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

May 13, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Daniel B. Poneman to be Deputy Secretary of Energy;

The nomination of David B. Sandalow to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy);

The nomination of Rhea S. Suh to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior;

The nomination of Michael L. Connor to be Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and

Resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

May 14, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

May 19, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

May 21, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

June 4, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

June 9, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Anne Castle to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior;

The nomination of William F. Brinkman to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy;

The nomination of Catherine Radford Zoi to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy); and

Resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

June 11, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2009.

The Committee resumed consideration of S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

June 17, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

July 28, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Wilma A. Lewis to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior;

The nomination of Richard G. Newell to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and

The nomination of Robert V. Abbey to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

August 4, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of James J. Markowsky to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy);

The nomination of Warren F. Miller to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy);

The nomination of Warren F. Miller to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy;

The nomination of Anthony Marion Babauta to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior;

The nomination of Jonathan B. Jarvis to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior;

H.R. 1275, an Act to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2938, an Act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

September 15, 2009.

The Committee was scheduled to consider pending nominations, but a quorum was not present and no action was taken.

October 8, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of John R. Norris to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

The nomination of Jose Antonio Garcia to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact; Department of Energy; and

The nomination of Joseph G. Pizarchik to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior.

October 14, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Arun Majumdar to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, Department of Energy; and

The nomination of Marcia K. McNutt to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

December 16, 2009.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. Res. 275, Honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

S. Res. 297, To recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem.

S. 409, a bill to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 522, a bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

S. 555, a bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 721, a bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

S. 782, a bill to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.

S. 853, a bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 874, a bill to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 940, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, and for other purposes.

S. 1053, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, and for other purposes.

S. 1139, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 1140, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

S. 1369, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

S. 1405, a bill to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the 'Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site'.

S. 1453, a bill to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

S. 1672, a bill to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000.

S. 1757, a bill to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, and for other purposes.

S. 1759, a bill to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 689, an Act to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 714, an Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1121, an Act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1287, an Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1376, an Act to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1442, an Act to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909.

H.R. 1593, an Act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 1694, an Act to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

H.R. 1945, an Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule

River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2330, an Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 2802, an Act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3113, an Act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3276, an Act to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes.

March 3, 2010.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Larry Persily, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Gas Transportation Projects; and

The nomination of Patricia A. Hoffman to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

May 6, 2010.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

The nomination of Cheryl A. LaFleur, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The nomination of Phillip D. Moeller, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Committee amendments to S. 1462, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 934, an Act to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

H.R. 3689, an Act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes.

S. 3099, a bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir.

S. 3100, a bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch.

June 16, 2010.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 553, a bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, and for other purposes.

S. 1017, a bill to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana.

S. 1018, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, and for other purposes.

S. 1080, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, and for other purposes.

S. 1270, a bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 1272, a bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes.

S. 1629, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

S. 1719, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

S. 1787, a bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2722, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System.

S. 2726, a bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

S. 2738, a bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution.

S. 2830, a bill to extend and enhance the COBRA subsidy program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

S. 2892, a bill to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

S. 2907, a bill to establish a coordinated avalanche protection program, and for other purposes.

S. 2933, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 2941, a bill to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 86, an Act to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 129, an Act to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

H.R. 601, an Act to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah.

H.R. 762, an Act to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1043, an Act to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2008, an Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

H.R. 2741, an Act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3804, an Act to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4474, an Act to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

June 30, 2010.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 3516, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

July 21, 2010.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 349, a bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

S. 607, a bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture re-

garding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

S. 745, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes.

S. 1651, a bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 1689, a bill to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 1750, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the General of the Army George Catlett Marshall National Historic Site at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Virginia, and for other purposes.

S. 2052, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes.

S. 2812, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes.

S. 2843, a bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

S. 3303, a bill to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado.

S. 3313, a bill to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, and for other purposes.

S. 3495, a bill to promote the deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 685, an Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1612, an Act to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

H.R. 4252, an Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4349, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes.

July 22, 2010.

The Committee resumed consideration of pending legislation.

August 5, 2010.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 679, a bill to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1117, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont.

S. 1320, a bill to provide assistance to owners of manufactured homes constructed before January 1, 1976, to purchase Energy Star-qualified manufactured homes.

S. 1596, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California.

S. 2798, a bill to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through the facilitation of insect and disease infestation treatment of National Forest System and adjacent land, and for other purposes.

S. 2900, a bill to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems.

S. 3075, a bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

S. 3396, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish within the Department of Energy a Supply Star program to identify and promote practices, companies, and products that use highly efficient supply chains in a manner that conserves energy, water, and other resources.

S. 3404, a bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 3452, a bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 3460, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide funds to States for rebates, loans, and other incentives to eligible individuals or entities for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems for properties located in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2430, an Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

H.R. 2442, an Act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2522, an Act to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3388, an Act to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4395, an Act to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5026, an Act to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for: nuclear, coal, and synthetic fuels research and development; nuclear and non-nuclear energy commercialization projects; nuclear fuel cycle policy; Department of Energy National Laboratories; global climate change; new technologies research and development; nuclear facilities siting and insurance program; commercialization of new technologies, including solar energy systems; Federal energy conservation programs; energy information; liquefied natural gas projects; oil and natural gas regulation; refinery policy; coal conversion; utility policy; strategic petroleum reserves; regulation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and other oil and gas pipeline transportation systems within Alaska; Arctic research and energy development; and oil, gas, and coal production and distribution.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Energy held four legislative hearings and two oversight hearings.

March 25, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–17.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on draft legislation to improve energy market transparency and regulation.

May 7, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–44.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on net metering, interconnection standards, and other policies that promote the deployment of distributed generation to improve grid reliability, increase clean energy deployment, enable consumer choice, and diversify our nation's energy supply.

December 8, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–330.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

H.R. 957, Green Energy Education Act of 2009;

H.R. 2729, To authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3165, Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2009;

H.R. 3246, Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009;

H.R. 3585, Solar Technology Roadmap Act;

S. 737, A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to conduct research, development, and demonstration to make biofuels more compatible with small non-road engines, and for other purposes;

S. 1617, To require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program for the award of grants to States to establish revolving loan funds for small and medium-sized manufacturers to improve energy efficiency and produce clean energy technology, and for other purposes;

S. 2744, A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources; and

S. 2773, A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to support the research, demonstration, and development of commercial applications for offshore wind energy, and for other purposes.

June 15, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–699.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 3460, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide funds to states for rebates, loans, and other incentives to eligible individuals or entities for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems for properties located in the United States, and for other purposes;

S. 3396, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish within the Department of Energy a Supply Star program to identify and promote practices, companies, and products that use highly efficient supply chains in a manner that conserves energy, water, and other resources;

S. 3251, a bill to improve energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy by Federal agencies, and for other purposes;

S. 679, a bill to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes;

S. 3233, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to barter, transfer, or sell surplus uranium from the inventory of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; and

S. 2900, a bill to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems.

September 29, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-718.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) and National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA).

September 30, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-750.

Oversight hearing to examine the role of strategic minerals in clean energy technologies and other applications as well as legislation to address the issue, including S. 3521, the Rare Earths Supply Technology and Resources Transformation Act of 2010.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibility for: public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, including farming and grazing thereon, and wilderness areas; establishment of wildlife refuges on public lands and wilderness designation therein; military land withdrawals; reserved water rights; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; territorial affairs; national mining and minerals policy and general mining laws; surface mining, reclamation and enforcement; mining education and research; Federal mineral leasing; Outer Continental Shelf leasing; Naval oil shale reserves; National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska; and deep seabed mining.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held nine legislative hearings and one oversight hearing.

June 17, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–65.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 409, to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes;

S. 782, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System;

S. 874, to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 1139, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes; and

S. 1140, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

October 8, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–160.

Legislative hearing on the following bills:

S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

S. 865 and H.R. 1442, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909;

S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes;

S. 940, direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, and for other purposes;

S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes; and

S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

October 29, 2009—S. Hrg. 111-223.

Legislative hearing on the following bills:

S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes;

S. 607, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes;

S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes;

S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services;

S. 1328 and H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes;

S. 1442, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, establish a grant program for Indian Youth Service Corps, help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service; and

H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

November 18, 2009—S. Hrg. 111-290.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on managing Federal forests in response to climate change, including for natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration was rescheduled.

December 17, 2009—S. Hrg. 111-364.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1470, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes;

S. 1719, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the town of Ulta, Utah;

S. 1787, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

March 10, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-565.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 2895, to restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, and for other purposes;

S. 2907, to establish a coordinated avalanche protection program, and for other purposes;

S. 2966 and H.R. 4474, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on the National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; and

S. 2791 and H.R. 3759, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of a certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, and for other purposes.

April 21, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-566.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1546, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah;

S. 2798, to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through the facilitation of insect and disease infestation treatment of National Forest System and adjacent land, and for other purposes;

S. 2830, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects; and

S. 2963, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

April 28, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-744.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1241, to amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for the commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of five persons or fewer;

S. 1571 and H.R. 1043, to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System land in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes;

S. 2762, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes;

S. 3075, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws;

S. 3185, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.

June 4, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-682.

Field hearing to receive testimony on S. 2895, to restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-730.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 3294, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho;

S. 3310, to designate certain wilderness areas in the National Forest System in the State of South Dakota; and

S. 3313, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada from location, entry and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, and for other purposes.

September 29, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-721.

Joint legislative hearing (with the Subcommittee on National Parks) to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 3261, to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, and for other purposes;

S. 3283, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence;

S. 3291, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes;

S. 3524 and H.R. 1858, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes;

S. 3565, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range;

S. 3612, to amend the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Establishment Act to expand the boundary of the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in the State of Vermont, and for other purposes;

S. 3616, to withdraw certain land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 3744, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 3778 and H.R. 4773, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes;

S. 3820, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes;

S. 3822, to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico; and

H.R. 1858, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land, and for other purposes.

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for: the National Park System; Wild and Scenic Rivers System; National Trails System; national recreation areas; national monuments, historic sites, military parks and battlefields; Land and Water Conservation Fund; historic preservation; outdoor recreation resources; and preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on National Parks held seven legislative hearings and four oversight hearings.

June 16, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–61.

Oversight hearing on the President's proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget for the National Park Service and proposed expenditures under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

July 15, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–92.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 227, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park;

S. 625, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument;

S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date;

S. 1117, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River Watershed;

S. 1168 and H.R. 1694, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; and

H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park.

July 22, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–129.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 635, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 715, to establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses;

S. 742, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes;

S. 1270, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes;

S. 1418 and H.R. 2330, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System; and

H.R. 2430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

August 24, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–94.

Field hearing to consider climate change impacts on national parks in Colorado and related management activities.

October 28, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–239.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the current and expected impacts of climate change on units of the National Park System.

November 4, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–282.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes;

S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the “Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site”;

S. 1413, to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, and for other purposes;

S. 1767 and H.R. 1121, to authorize a land exchange to acquire land for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes;

S. Res. 275, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary;

H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memo-

rial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for a study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

December 3, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–318.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 760, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “National World War I Memorial”;

S. 1838, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War;

S. 2097, to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I;

S. 2722, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System;

S. 2726, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes;

S. 2738, to authorize the National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution;

H.R. 1849, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitors center, and for other purposes.

March 17, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–476.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior’s north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, and for other purposes;

S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana;

S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, and for other purposes;

S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;

S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes;

S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes.

May 5, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-569.

Oversight hearing to review the National Park Service's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

May 19, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-645.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 349, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes;

S. 1596, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California;

S. 1651, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 1750, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the General of the Army George Catlett Marshall National Historic Site at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Virginia, and for other purposes;

S. 1801, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes;

S. 1802 and H.R. 685; to require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes;

S. 2953 and H.R. 3388, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes;

S. 2976, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes;

S. 3159 and H.R. 4395, to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes;

S. 3168, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain non-Federal land in the State of Pennsylvania for inclusion in the Fort Necessity National Battlefield; and

S. 3303, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado.

September 29, 2010—S. Hrg. 111-721.

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for: irrigation, reclamation projects, including related flood control purposes; power marketing administrations (i.e., Bonneville Power, Southwestern Power, Western Area Power, Southeastern Power); energy development impacts on water resources; groundwater resources and management; hydroelectric power; low head hydro; and energy related aspects of deepwater ports.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Water and Power held four legislative hearings and three oversight hearings.

July 23, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–91.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 637, Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System Act of 2009;

S. 789, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act;

S. 1080, a bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and

S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through the fiscal year 2023.

November 5, 2009—S. Hrg. 111–339.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, and for other purposes;

S. 1758, to provide for the allocation of costs to project power with respect to power deployment within the Diamond Fork System, and for other purposes; and

S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, and for other purposes.

February 25, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–386.

Oversight hearing to examine the science and policy behind the Federal framework and non-Federal efforts to prevent introduction of the aquatic invasive Asian carp into the Great Lakes.

March 16, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–592.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act (Title 9501 of P.L. 111–11) and the Bureau of Reclamation's Water Conservation Initiative which includes the Challenge Grant Program, the Basin Study Program and the Title XVI Program.

April 27, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–619.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 745 and H.R. 2265, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes;

S. 1138 and H.R. 2442, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes;

S. 1573 and H.R. 2741, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the city of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes;

S. 3099, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 3100, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch;

H.R. 325, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project;

H.R. 637, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1120, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1219, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992;

H.R. 1393, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes.

June 9, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–707.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 2891, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes;

S. 2779 and H.R. 3671, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes;

S. 3387, to provide for the release of water from the marketable yield pool of water stored in the Ruedi Reservoir for the benefit of endangered fish habitat in the Colorado River, and for other purposes;

S. 3404, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes.

July 14, 2010—S. Hrg. 111–704.

Oversight hearing to examine the Federal response to the discovery of the aquatic invasive species Asian carp in Lake Calumet, Illinois.

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009

S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, a bill to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes, was introduced by Senator Bingaman on January 7, 2009, and placed directly on the Senate Calendar without being referred to the Committee. S. 22 consisted of the text of 160 separate legislative measures within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which had been previously considered and reported by the Committee during the 110th Congress. The Senate passed S. 22 by a vote of 73 to 21 on January 15, 2009. On March 11, 2009, however, the House of Representatives rejected a motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 22 (which required the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present and voting) by a vote of 282 yeas to 144 nays.

On March 17, 2009, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of H.R. 146, a bill to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes. Senator Bingaman proposed an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 146, which struck the text of the bill as passed by the House and inserted the text of S. 22. The Senate agreed to the Bingaman substitute, as amended, by unanimous consent, and then passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of 77 to 20. The House agreed to the Senate amendments on March 25, 2009, and the President signed it into law on March 30, 2009. It became Public Law 111–11.

American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009

S. 1462, the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, a bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes, was reported by the Committee as an original bill on July 16, 2009.

The Committee held 19 hearings on measures or matters relating to the American Clean Energy Leadership Act between January 8 and May 14, 2009, and marked up legislative text at 11 open business meetings between March 31 and June 17, 2009. During its consideration of the measure, the Committee considered 219 filed amendments, adopted 100, rejected 33, and 86 were not offered or withdrawn. The Committee ordered the measure reported as an original bill by a vote of 15 yeas and 8 nays on June 17, 2009. S. Rept. 111–48. The Senate took no further action on the bill.

Outer Continental Shelf Reform Act of 2010

The Committee reported S. 3516, the Outer Continental Shelf Reform Act of 2010, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes, in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which released over four million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

The Committee conducted four oversight hearings on the April 20, 2010 Deepwater Horizon well blowout, which killed 11 workers and seriously injured many others, and on the resulting oil spill. S. 3516 was introduced by Senator Bingaman and cosponsored by Senators Murkowski, Dorgan, and Stabenow on June 21, 2010. The Committee held a legislative hearing on the bill on June 24, 2010. The Committee considered the bill on June 30, 2010 and ordered it favorably reported, with amendments, by a unanimous vote. S. Rept. 111–236.

The Majority Leader subsequently included S. 3516 as title III of division A of S. 3663, the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act of 2010, an omnibus bill incorporating bills reported from, or referred to, this or other committees, relating to oil spills, admiralty and maritime law, coral reef conservation, natural gas and electric vehicles, building retrofits, conservation funding, wildlife refuges, Gulf Coast ecosystem restoration, hydraulic fracturing, and watershed restoration. Senator Reid introduced S. 3663 on July 28, 2010, and it was placed directly on the calendar on July 29, 2010. The Senate took no further action on S. 3663 or S. 3516.

America's Great Outdoors Act of 2010

Seventy separate public land bills reported by the Committee during the 111th Congress were included in Divisions A through I of the America's Great Outdoors Act of 2010, along with a number of measures reported by the Committee on Environment and Public Works (Division J), the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Division K), and the Committee on Indian Affairs (Division L). The America's Great Outdoors Act of 2010 was filed as an amendment (S. Amendment 4845) to S. 303, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, on December 17, 2010. The Senate took no further action on S. 303 or S. Amendment 4845.

OTHER MEASURES ENACTED INTO LAW

Public Law 111–53 (H.R. 1275): An Act to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes. Passed the House on July 8, 2009. Reported on August 4, 2009. S. Rept. 111–67. Passed by the Senate on August 5, 2009. Approved by the President on August 19, 2009.

Public Law 111–60 (H.R. 2938): An Act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project. Passed the House on July 22, 2009. Reported on August 4, 2009. S. Rept. 111–68. Passed by the Senate on August 5, 2009. Approved by the President on August 19, 2009.

Public Law 111–167 (H.R. 1121): An Act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed the House on July 27, 2009. Reported March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–147. Passed by the Senate on May 7, 2010. Approved by the President on May 24, 2010.

Public Law 111–168 (H.R. 1442): An Act to provide for the sale of the Federal Government’s reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909. Passed the House on July 16, 2009. Reported on March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–150. Passed by the Senate on May 7, 2010. Approved by the President on May 24, 2010.

Public Law 111–194 (S.J. Res. 33): Joint Resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law. Passed by the Senate on June 17, 2000. Passed by the House on June 29, 2010. Approved by the President on June 30, 2010.

Public Law 111–169 (H.R. 2802): An Act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes. Passed by the House on September 22, 2009. Reported on March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–155. Passed by the Senate on May 7, 2010. Approved by the President May 24, 2010.

Public Law 111–206 (H.R. 689): An Act to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes. Passed the House on June 2, 2009. Reported with an amendment on March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–145. Passed by the Senate with an amendment on May 7, 2010. House agreed to the Senate amendment on July 13, 2010. Approved by the President on July 27, 2010.

Public Law 111–222 (S. 1053): An Act to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date. Re-

ported on March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–137. Passed by the Senate on May 7, 2010. Passed by the House on July 21, 2010. Approved by the President on August 6, 2010.

Public Law 111–244 (H.R. 3940): An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam. Passed by the House on December 7, 2009. Discharged and passed by the Senate with amendments on September 28, 2010. House agreed to the Senate amendments on September 30, 2010. Approved by the President on September 30, 2010.

Public Law 111–261 (H.R. 714): An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes. Passed the House on February 23, 2009. Reported with amendments on March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–146. Passed by the Senate with amendments May 13, 2010. House agreed to the Senate amendments on September 28, 2010. Approved by the President on October 8, 2010.

Public Law 111–270 (H.R. 3689): An Act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. To establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes. Passed by the House on October 13, 2009. Reported on May 24, 2010. S. Rept. 111–198. Passed by the Senate on September 28, 2010. Approved by the President on October 12, 2010.

Public Law 111–284 (S. 3802): An Act to designate a mountain and icefield in the State of Alaska as the “Mount Stevens” and “Ted Stevens Icefield”, respectively. Discharged and passed by the Senate, with an amendment, September 27, 2010. Passed by the House on September 30, 2010. Approved by the President on October 18, 2010.

Public Law 111–333 (S. 1405): An Act to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the “Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site”. Reported on March 2, 2010. S. Rept. 111–141. Passed by the Senate on May 7, 2010. Passed by the House on December 14, 2010. Approved by the President on December 22, 2010.

Public Law 111–360 (H.R. 5470): An Act to exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. Passed the House on December 8, 2010. Passed the Senate on December 21, 2010. Approved by the President on January 4, 2011.